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TAGS: CASC, US, UR (SHADRIN, NICHOLAS GEORGE)

SUBJECT: SHADRIN CASE

REF: STATE 067757

1. RICHARD COPAKEN, MRS. SHADRIN'S ATTORNEY, WILL BE TRAVELLING TO BERLIN TO MEET WITH VOGEL AT 2 P.M., THURSDAY APRIL 22.

2. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MEEHAN TO BECOME IN-VOLVED AT THIS POINT TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, AND COPAKEN AGREES. COPAKEN WILL BE STAYING IN BERLIN HILTON, ARRIVING THERE EARLY WEDNESDAY. IF MEEHAN CAN GO TO BERLIN, COPAKEN WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH HIM LATE AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY. MEEHAN'S PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS WITH VOGEL WOULD THEN BE PLAYED BY EAR. WE GATHER THAT ONE PROB-
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LEM IS SVINGLE'S CONCERN THAT HE MAY BE PUSHED OUT OF

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PICTURE AS INTERPRETER AND GO-BETWEEN.

3. COPAKEN WILL NEED TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH US RAPIDLY AFTER HIS FIRST MEETING WITH COPAKEN. IF MEEHAN CAN GO TO BERLIN, ASSUME HE AND GEORGE CAN ARRANGE FOR RAPID TRANSMISSION OF CABLES. IF MEEHAN CANNOT GO

TO BERLIN, GEORGE SHOULD ARRANGE THAT COPAKEN CAN HAVE A CONTACT AT MISSION AROUND THE CLOCK FOR PURPOSE OF SENDING CABLES TO DEPT WITHOUT DELAY BEGINNING THURSDAY P.M.

4. FOR MEEHAN, FYI ONLY: SOVIETS HERE CONTINUE TO TELL US WITH CONSIDERABLE CONVICTION THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE SHADRIN. WE ARE FRANKLY BAFFLED BY VOGEL'S MANEUVERS AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EVALUATION OF SITUATION AFTER BERLIN MEETINGS. ROBINSON

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